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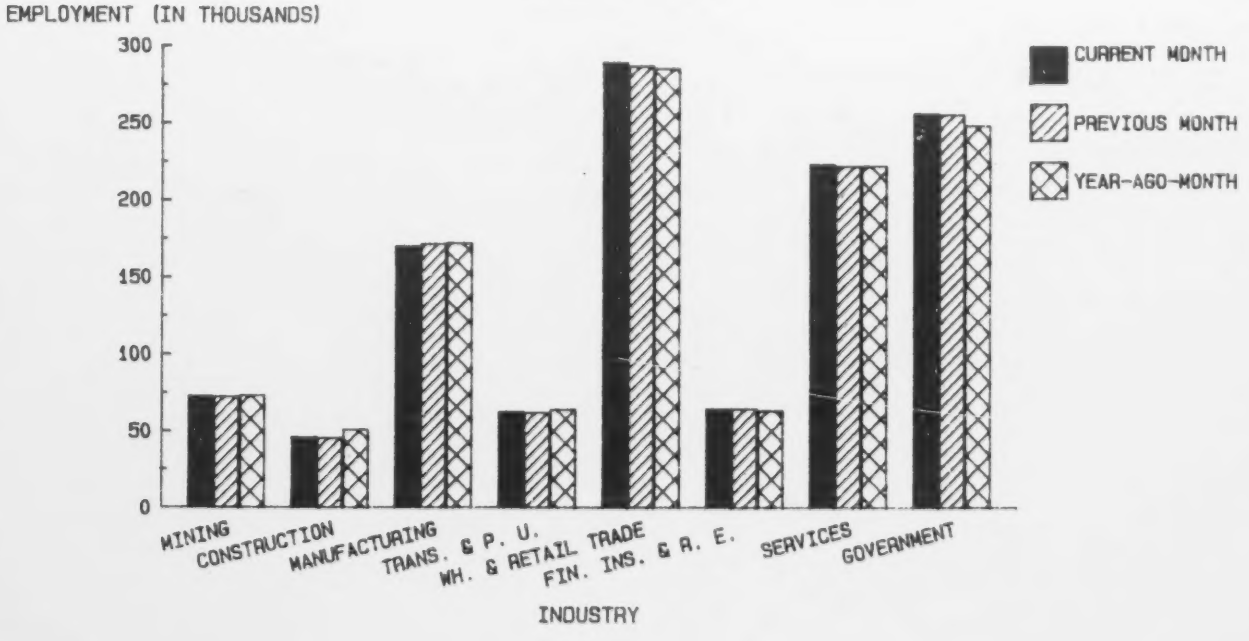
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT SITUATION

Total employment in Oklahoma, based on place-of-residence data, reached 1,437,800 during April, a gain of 16,600 from the revised March figure. This March-to-April rise was the second largest increase in the last seven years. Meanwhile, unemployment skidded to 106,700 from 119,500, a drop of 12,800, a record jobless decline for the March-April interval. As a result of these figures combined with current labor force data, unemployment as a percent of the labor force dropped to 6.9 from 7.8 over the 30-day span. Year-ago comparisons showed slight improvement as employment this April surpassed the April 1984 level by only 1,600 workers and the unemployed shrank by 4,000. The April rate of 6.9 percent was well under the 7.2 percent of a year ago and also less than the current national unemployment rate of 7.3 percent.

MAJOR INDUSTRY DIVISIONS
OKLAHOMA
APRIL, 1985



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INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT IN OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma's total insured unemployment decreased 3,565 during a month's time to reach 26,871 during the week which ended April 20, 1985. This amounted to a 12 percent decrease since the March 1985 report when the insured unemployment level was 30,436. It was still higher, however, than the 22,843 insured unemployment reported for the comparable week ending April 4, 1984, or a year earlier.

Of the April 1985 total insured unemployed of 26,871, 17,244 (64 percent) were male and 9,627 (36 percent) were female. A month earlier, the total of 30,436 was composed of 20,734 (68 percent) male and 9,702 (32 percent) female unemployed. Comparing these numbers with the gender composition of insured unemployed a year earlier, the distribution was 12,496 (55 percent) male and 10,347 (45 percent female).

Duration of unemployment among the insured unemployed appeared to be moderating somewhat as the most recent data showed declining numbers in the three periods for which tabulations are collected. Specifically, declining numbers since March, as reflected in the April information was: 9,035 unemployed less than five weeks, a decrease of 968; 11,376 unemployed 5 - 14 weeks, a decrease of 1,513; and 6,460 unemployed 15 weeks or more, a decrease of 1,084.

Identification of the insured unemployed numbers by industrial group during April indicates that contract construction accounted for 4,950 (18.4 percent), manufacturing was 5,745 (21.4 percent), wholesale and retail trade was 4,701 (17.5 percent), services was 4,903 (18.2 percent), and mining was 2,979 (11.1 percent). Comparing changes in these classifications since March, as a percentage of the insured unemployed, contract construction declined from a 22 percent level, while mining unemployment decreased to a 11.1 percent level. Wholesale and retail trade increased from a 15.3 percent level. Unemployment in manufacturing (21.4 percent) and services (18.2 percent) remained virtually unchanged since the March reporting week.

STATEWIDE EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT SUMMARY

Sixty-three of Oklahoma's 77 counties reported increased total employment for April while 12 counties had lower employment and two were unchanged. The magnitude of change in those counties with decreased employment was small. Employment increased in Oklahoma as a whole and for the major metropolitan areas.

Unemployment, as a percent of the labor force, was down in 75 counties and all major metro statistical areas between March and April except Beaver and Pushmataha counties, where rates increased to 3.1 and 18.3 respectively. Compared to April 1984, unemployment rate estimates show increases in 30 counties, declines in 42, and no change in 5 counties. Unemployment was lower in both the Oklahoma City and Tulsa MSAs in April, although slightly higher than a year ago in the Oklahoma City MSA. Statewide unemployment was 6.9 percent in April, a marked improvement over the 7.8 percent rate recorded in March, and also well below the 7.2 percent of the same month last year.

NONFARM JOBS INCREASE NOMINALLY OVER MONTH

Nonfarm wage and salary employment totaled 1,187,800 in April, or 4,100 greater than the previous month's estimate. Six major industry divisions recorded job gains between March and April. The wholesale-retail trade division led with 2,300 additions, all in the retail sector, and services added 1,300 jobs, mostly related to seasonal activities. Government also gained 800 while increases of 400 each were estimated in both construction and transportation-public utilities. Mining was also a gainer, recording a 300 increase over last month. Manufacturing employment, led by the durable goods sector, suffered a 1,400 job decline during April while finance-insurance-real estate remained unchanged.

Compared to a year ago, this April's nonagricultural employment posted an overall gain of 5,600 jobs. This growth was led by a 7,900 increase in government, 54 percent of the growth coming in the local government sector. Wholesale-retail trade also had 4,000 additions while services continued its long-term growth pattern with 1,200 more workers. Also, finance-insurance-real estate employment increased 1,200 positions since April 1984. Offsetting the 14,300 year-to-year job gains by the four industries divisions listed above, were job losses totaling 8,700 in the other four major industry divisions. Construction was the leading job loser with an estimated 4,900 drop from year to year. Also, manufacturing dropped 1,900, followed by declines of 1,400 in transportation-public utilities and 500 in the depressed mining industry.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Production workers in Oklahoma factories worked an average of 41.2 hours per week and earned an average of $9.82 per hour for an average weekly rate of $404.58 during the April survey week. This was a $1.58 decrease in the average weekly wage since the previous month, and $8.14 less than during the comparable period a year earlier. Weekly hours worked were reported to be slightly less than a month earlier, but no more than 1.0 hours less than a year ago. Hourly earnings varied only a few cents more per hour than a month or a year earlier.

Those employed in durable goods plants earned an average of $422.77, $2.66 less than a month earlier, and $5.80 less than during the comparable week a year earlier. Average weekly hours during April were slightly decreased since the previous month, yet were only one hour less than at a comparable time a year earlier. Average hourly wages in durable goods apparently have not varied more than a dime per hour during the last year, recently reported to be $10.59.

Weekly wages in nondurable goods averaged $372.80, an increase of $2.16 above the level reported in March, but $10.72 less per week than reported during a comparable period a year earlier. Average weekly hours were virtually unchanged; average hourly rates, at $9.32, were increased slightly since March, but less than a ten cent an hour decrease since the report a year earlier.

Hours and earnings are also surveyed for five nonmanufacturing industries as shown on the **Hours and Earnings Table** in this publication. Specifically, these include oil and gas extraction, construction, public utilities, wholesale trade and retail trade, (excluding eating and drinking establishments). All five of these industries recorded higher weekly earnings in April compared to March.

OKLAHOMA LABOR FORCE
SUMMARY TABLE

Item	Number (In Thousands)			% Chg.	Absolute Change	
	Apr 1985p	Mar 1985r	Apr 1984r	Mar 85 Apr 85	Mar 85 Apr 85	Apr 84 Apr 85
Total Labor Force †	1544.5	1540.7	1546.9	0.2	3.8	- 2.4
Unemployment	106.7	119.5	110.7	- 10.7	- 12.8	- 4.0
Unemployment Rate	6.9	7.8	7.2	-----	-----	-----
Unemployment Rate (Seas. Adj.)	7.1	7.8	7.3	-----	-----	-----
Total Employment	1437.8	1421.2	1436.2	1.2	16.6	1.6
Agriculture	49.9	47.5	50.4	5.1	2.4	- 0.5
Domestic Service, Self-Employed & Unpaid Family Workers	175.8	176.0	185.6	- 0.1	- 0.2	- 9.8
Idled by Labor Disputes	0.8	0.0	0.0	800.0	0.8	0.8
Wage and Salaries Workers, Total *	1187.8	1183.7	1182.2	0.3	4.1	5.6
Manufacturing	170.6	172.0	172.5	- 0.8	- 1.4	- 1.9
Durable Goods	106.4	108.1	107.9	- 1.6	- 1.7	- 1.5
Lumber & Wood Products	2.4	3.4	3.6	- 29.4	- 1.0	- 1.2
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	11.0	10.9	10.8	0.9	0.1	0.2
Primary Metal Industries	4.0	4.0	4.1	0.0	0.0	- 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	17.5	17.3	17.1	1.2	0.2	0.4
Fab. Structural Metal Products	9.2	9.1	9.0	1.1	0.1	0.2
Machinery Exc. Electrical	35.9	36.0	35.4	- 0.3	- 0.1	0.5
Construction & Related Mach	13.8	13.8	13.3	0.0	0.0	0.5
Oil Field Machinery	8.7	8.7	9.1	0.0	0.0	- 0.4
General Industrial Machinery	6.8	6.8	6.2	0.0	0.0	0.6
Electrical and Electronic Equip	11.6	11.8	11.6	- 1.7	- 0.2	0.0
Transportation Equipment	18.3	18.8	19.4	- 2.7	- 0.5	- 1.1
Motor Vehicle and Equip	11.7	11.8	11.5	- 0.8	- 0.1	0.2
Aircraft & Parts	6.1	6.5	7.4	- 6.2	- 0.4	- 1.3
Instruments & Related Products	2.3	2.3	2.2	0.0	0.0	0.1
Nondurable Goods	64.2	63.9	64.6	0.5	0.3	- 0.4
Food & Kindred Products	14.3	14.6	14.5	- 2.1	- 0.3	- 0.2
Apparel & Other Textile Products	9.4	8.9	9.6	5.6	0.5	- 0.2
Paper & Allied Products	3.5	3.4	3.3	2.9	0.1	0.2
Printing & Publishing	11.6	11.6	11.5	0.0	0.0	0.1
Newspapers & Periodicals	6.4	6.4	6.1	0.0	0.0	0.3
Petroleum & Coal Products	8.1	8.1	8.7	0.0	0.0	- 0.6
Petroleum Refining	7.6	7.6	8.1	0.0	0.0	- 0.5
Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products	11.9	11.9	11.5	0.0	0.0	0.4
Tires & Inner Tubes	7.5	7.5	7.3	0.0	0.0	0.2
Mining	73.2	72.9	73.7	0.4	0.3	- 0.5
Oil & Gas Extraction	70.3	70.1	70.7	0.3	0.2	- 0.4
Construction	46.4	46.0	51.3	0.9	0.4	- 4.9
Heavy Construction Contractor	10.1	9.8	10.3	3.1	0.3	- 0.2
Transportation & Public Utilities Ex	63.0	62.6	64.4	0.6	0.4	- 1.4
Transportation	32.8	32.4	33.5	1.2	0.4	- 0.7
Railroad Transportation	2.3	2.3	2.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Trucking & Warehousing	16.6	16.5	17.4	0.6	0.1	- 0.8
Communications & Electric, GA	30.2	30.2	30.9	0.0	0.0	- 0.7
Wholesale & Retail Trade	289.6	287.3	285.6	0.8	2.3	4.0
Wholesale Trade	68.3	68.8	67.9	- 0.7	- 0.5	0.4
Retail Trade	221.3	218.5	217.7	1.3	2.8	3.6
General Merchandise Stores	29.4	29.0	28.5	1.4	0.4	0.9
Department Stores	12.6	12.5	12.4	0.8	0.1	0.2
Food Stores	38.0	37.9	38.5	0.3	0.1	- 0.5
Automotive Dealers & Service Sta	26.6	26.2	26.0	1.5	0.4	0.6
Apparel & Accessory Stores	14.3	14.4	14.5	- 0.7	- 0.1	- 0.2
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	65.0	65.0	63.8	0.0	0.0	1.2
Banking	21.6	21.9	22.0	- 1.4	- 0.3	- 0.4
Insurance Carriers	9.3	9.3	9.2	0.0	0.0	0.1
Services	223.5	222.2	222.3	0.6	1.3	1.2
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	11.7	11.4	11.8	2.6	0.3	- 0.1
Personal Services	11.9	12.1	11.6	- 1.7	- 0.2	0.3
Health Services	69.4	69.2	69.4	0.3	0.2	0.0
Hospitals	28.1	28.0	29.3	0.4	0.1	- 1.2
Total Government	256.5	255.7	248.6	0.3	0.8	7.9
Federal Government	50.7	50.6	49.4	0.2	0.1	1.3
State and Local Government	205.8	205.1	199.2	0.3	0.7	6.6
State Government	72.6	71.9	70.3	1.0	0.7	2.3
Local Government	133.2	133.2	128.9	0.0	0.0	4.3

† *Based on place-of-residence concept.*

* *These estimates are adjusted to first quarter 1984 benchmark levels. Estimates include all full and part-time employees of nonagricultural establishments who worked during or received pay for any part of the pay period which includes the 12th of the month.*

HOURS AND EARNINGS
IN SELECTED OKLAHOMA INDUSTRIES
APRIL 1985

INDUSTRY GROUP	AVE. WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVE. WEEKLY HOURS			AVE. HOURLY EARNINGS		
	APR 1985P	MAR 1985R	APR 1984R	APR 1985P	MAR 1985R	APR 1984R	APR 1985P	MAR 1985R	APR 1984R
MANUFACTURING	$404.58	$406.16	$412.72	41.2	41.7	42.2	$9.82	$9.74	$9.78
DURABLE GOODS	422.77	425.43	428.57	41.9	42.5	42.9	10.09	10.01	9.99
STONE, CLAY & GLASS	436.60	434.26	421.26	43.1	42.7	42.0	10.13	10.17	10.03
PRIMARY METALS	420.97	408.74	389.35	43.0	42.8	43.6	9.79	9.55	8.93
FABRICATED METALS	396.32	381.90	376.48	40.4	40.2	40.7	9.81	9.50	9.25
FABRICATED STRUCTURAL METALS	405.87	382.58	367.61	41.5	40.7	40.8	9.78	9.40	9.01
MACHINERY EXECPT ELECTRICAL	411.43	427.55	411.99	43.4	45.1	44.3	9.48	9.48	9.30
OIL FIELD MACHINERY	440.15	444.14	450.45	42.9	43.5	45.0	10.26	10.21	10.01
ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT	400.00	390.98	397.54	40.9	40.1	42.7	9.78	9.75	9.31
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT	519.12	529.13	582.98	41.2	42.5	43.8	12.60	12.45	13.31
INSTRUMENTS & RELATED PRODUCTS	400.16	403.85	441.99	42.3	42.6	44.6	9.46	9.48	9.91
NONDURABLE GOODS	372.80	370.64	383.52	40.0	40.2	40.8	9.32	9.22	9.40
FOOD & KINDRED PRODUCTS	317.93	323.52	313.13	40.5	40.9	40.3	7.85	7.91	7.77
APPAREL & OTHER TEXTILES	181.04	189.24	174.91	36.5	38.7	36.9	4.96	4.89	4.74
PAPER & ALLIED PRODUCTS	446.85	415.80	430.09	45.0	42.0	43.4	9.93	9.90	9.91
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	392.37	398.27	376.11	41.0	42.1	39.8	9.57	9.46	9.45
NEWSPAPER & PERIODICALS	406.96	418.77	412.90	41.4	42.3	40.6	9.83	9.90	10.17
PETROLEUM REFINING	581.06	516.93	610.93	42.6	39.4	45.9	13.64	13.12	13.31
NONMANUFACTURING									
OIL & GAS EXTRACTION	470.17	446.68	438.05	43.9	42.1	41.6	10.71	10.61	10.53
CONSTRUCTION	422.56	415.86	439.82	38.0	36.9	37.4	11.12	11.27	11.76
PUBLIC UTILITIES	493.12	484.67	459.49	41.3	40.9	40.2	11.94	11.85	11.43
WHOLESALE TRADE	359.58	357.77	350.37	39.0	39.1	39.5	9.22	9.15	8.87
RETAIL TRADE*	194.06	190.34	193.56	31.1	30.8	32.1	6.24	6.18	6.03

Note: *Averages are for production or nonsupervisory workers only and cover both full and part-time employees. Overtime hours and pay are included and changes in the amount of overtime may affect these data. There are approximately 123,100 production workers in manufacturing. These data revised to a 1984 benchmark.*
Above industries have been classified according to the **Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Manual, 1972.**
P - *Preliminary* **R** - *Revised.* *****Excludes eating and drinking establishments.

Source: *Oklahoma Employment Security Commission, Research and Planning.*

LABOR FORCE DATA

MONTH: APRIL 1985

	AREA	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	LABOR FORCE	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE APR 85	MAR 85	APR 84
	U.S.	106,175,000	8,150,000	114,325,000	7.1	7.5	7.6
	OKLAHOMA	1,437,800	106,700	1,544,500	6.9	7.8	7.2
	COUNTIES						
1	ADAIR	7,430	610	8,040	7.6	8.7	9.5
2	ALFALFA	3,260	140	3,400	4.1	4.4	3.5
3	ATOKA	4,830	610	5,440	11.2	14.2	11.4
4	BEAVER	3,470	110	3,580	3.1	2.9	2.9
5	BECKHAM	9,110	850	9,960	8.5	9.7	12.3
6	BLAINE	5,470	430	5,900	7.3	8.3	7.0
7	BRYAN	13,470	1,230	14,700	8.4	9.1	8.4
8	CADDO	13,060	1,280	14,340	8.9	9.9	8.1
9	CANADIAN	32,425	1,800	34,225	5.3	5.7	4.5
10	CARTER	20,900	1,525	22,425	6.8	7.5	7.7
11	CHEROKEE	14,860	1,390	16,250	8.6	11.2	11.4
12	CHOCTAW	5,160	770	5,930	13.0	15.6	12.5
13	CIMARRON	1,570	80	1,650	4.8	6.3	4.3
14	CLEVELAND	74,375	3,825	78,200	4.9	5.6	4.9
15	COAL	2,000	300	2,300	13.0	16.5	16.0
16	COMANCHE	39,100	2,050	41,150	5.0	5.7	5.5
17	COTTON	2,380	130	2,510	5.2	5.7	5.8
18	CRAIG	7,850	550	8,400	6.5	6.6	6.4
19	CREEK	30,250	2,575	32,825	7.8	8.8	7.8
20	CUSTER	14,430	780	15,210	5.1	6.6	6.4
21	DELAWARE	10,390	920	11,310	8.1	10.1	7.8
22	DEWEY	3,050	230	3,280	7.0	7.8	6.1
23	ELLIS	2,760	210	2,970	7.1	9.1	6.6
24	GARFIELD	28,750	2,050	30,800	6.7	7.7	6.4
25	GARVIN	11,410	890	12,300	7.2	8.1	7.5
26	GRADY	19,250	1,800	21,050	8.6	8.9	8.1
27	GRANT	2,790	120	2,910	4.1	5.2	4.9
28	GREER	2,940	150	3,090	4.9	6.4	6.3
29	HARMON	1,880	140	2,020	6.9	7.7	6.0
30	HARPER	1,710	130	1,840	7.1	8.1	8.1
31	HASKELL	4,890	700	5,590	12.5	15.2	12.5
32	HUGHES	4,840	820	5,660	14.5	17.1	15.7
33	JACKSON	10,750	800	11,550	6.9	7.9	6.3
34	JEFFERSON	3,600	230	3,830	6.0	7.8	6.9
35	JOHNSTON	4,140	330	4,470	7.4	8.6	6.9

LABOR FORCE DATA

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AREA	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	LABOR FORCE	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE APR 85	MAR 85	APR 84
36 KAY	23,900	1,775	25,675	6.9	7.6	7.4
37 KINGFISHER	7,570	380	7,950	4.8	6.3	5.7
38 KIOWA	5,470	390	5,860	6.7	7.8	7.2
39 LATIMER	3,240	610	3,850	15.8	18.5	15.0
40 LEFLORE	12,010	1,830	13,840	13.2	14.1	11.9
41 LINCOLN	10,280	1,240	11,520	10.8	12.2	8.9
42 LOGAN	14,670	790	15,460	5.1	5.4	6.1
43 LOVE	2,400	270	2,670	10.1	12.1	9.3
44 MCCLAIN	11,210	620	11,830	5.2	6.4	4.4
45 MCCURTAIN	11,720	1,540	13,260	11.6	11.9	10.3
46 MCINTOSH	5,990	630	6,620	9.5	11.6	12.3
47 MAJOR	3,760	300	4,060	7.4	8.2	5.4
48 MARSHALL	4,290	270	4,560	5.9	7.5	7.2
49 MAYES	15,040	1,880	16,920	11.1	11.5	10.9
50 MURRAY	5,410	450	5,860	7.7	8.5	8.3
51 MUSKOGEE	28,125	3,000	31,125	9.6	10.9	10.2
52 NOBLE	5,280	280	5,560	5.0	6.4	6.2
53 NOWATA	4,080	490	4,570	10.7	11.5	11.4
54 OKFUSKEE	3,970	460	4,430	10.4	11.0	11.4
55 OKLAHOMA	306,300	19,675	325,975	6.0	6.7	5.5
56 OKMULGEE	12,275	1,475	13,750	10.7	12.0	13.0
57 OSAGE	19,575	1,000	20,575	4.9	5.5	5.6
58 OTTAWA	12,425	1,250	13,675	9.1	10.8	9.4
59 PAWNEE	5,940	560	6,500	8.6	9.3	10.6
60 PAYNE	31,825	1,450	33,275	4.4	4.8	4.4
61 PITTSBURG	12,125	2,050	14,175	14.5	16.7	12.8
62 PONTOTOC	16,320	1,020	17,340	5.9	6.7	6.0
63 POTTAWATOMIE	29,825	1,875	31,700	5.9	7.1	7.0
64 PUSHMATAHA	2,940	660	3,600	18.3	16.3	16.3
65 ROGER MILLS	2,460	170	2,630	6.5	9.6	7.9
66 ROGERS	24,050	1,940	25,990	7.5	8.5	8.8
67 SEMINOLE	11,090	1,230	12,320	10.0	11.7	9.9
68 SEQUOYAH	14,600	1,440	16,040	9.0	9.7	7.0
69 STEPHENS	19,740	1,460	21,200	6.9	7.2	7.4
70 TEXAS	8,150	340	8,490	4.0	4.6	4.3
71 TILLMAN	4,440	340	4,780	7.1	7.6	8.8
72 TULSA	236,025	16,975	253,000	6.7	7.3	7.9
73 WAGONER	21,590	1,230	22,820	5.4	6.0	5.9
74 WASHINGTON	24,450	1,080	25,530	4.2	4.6	4.5
75 WASHITA	6,910	510	7,420	6.9	8.1	8.3
76 WOODS	6,040	240	6,280	3.8	4.4	3.0
77 WOODWARD	11,820	1,000	12,820	7.8	8.1	8.1

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AREA	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	LABOR FORCE	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE APR 85	MAR 85	APR 84
OKLAHOMA CITY MSA	468,800	28,600	497,400	5.7	6.4	5.4
TULSA MSA	331,500	23,700	355,200	6.7	7.3	7.7

SERVICE DELIVERY AREAS *

A. NORTHWEST	38,600	2,300	40,900	5.6
B. SOUTHWEST	53,900	3,800	57,700	6.6
C. NORTH CENTRA	80,800	5,500	86,300	6.4
D. SOUTH CENTRA	112,800	7,900	120,700	6.5
E. CENTRAL	363,800	22,600	386,400	5.8
F. TULSA	285,800	20,600	306,400	6.7
G. EAST CENTRAL	97,800	7,600	105,400	7.2
H. SOUTHERN	85,200	6,900	92,100	7.5
I. NORTHEAST	98,300	8,100	106,400	7.6
J. EASTERN	104,900	9,800	114,700	8.5
K. SOUTHEAST	52,100	8,100	60,200	13.5
L. CLEVELAND	63,900	3,500	67,400	5.2

**These are the geographical areas designated under the Job Training Partnership Act and include all 77 Counties.*

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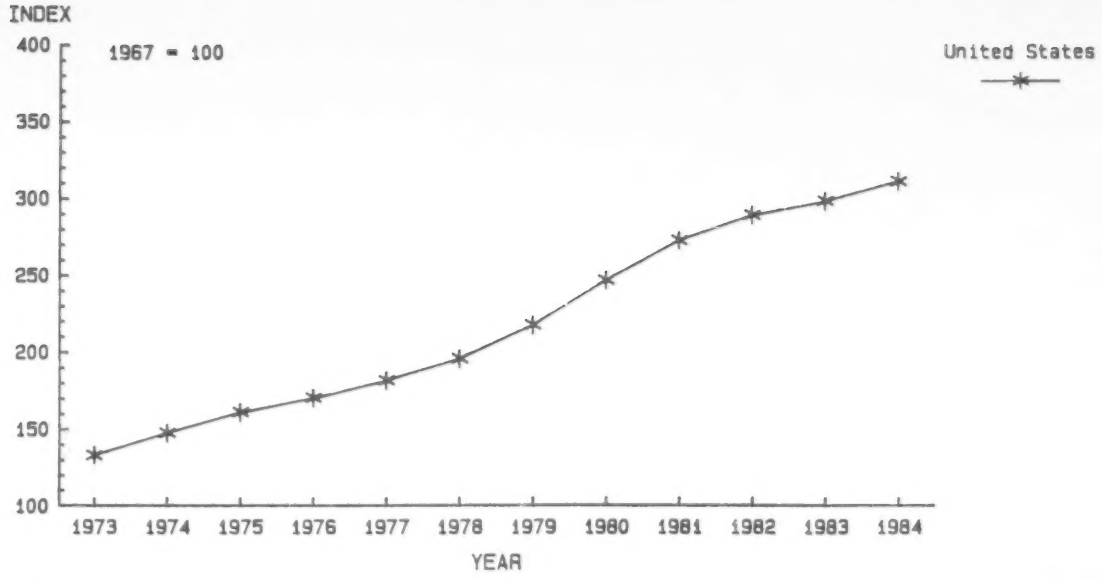

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ANNUAL YEAR	ANNUAL INDEX	MONTH	MONTH 1984	MONTH 1985	PERCENT CHANGE PREV. YR.	PERCENT CHANGE PREV. MO.
1973	133.1	JAN	305.2	316.1	3.6	0.2
1974	147.7	FEB	306.6	317.4	3.5	0.4
1975	161.2	MAR	307.3	318.8	3.7	0.4
1976	170.5	APR	308.8	320.1	3.7	0.4
1977	181.5	MAY	309.7		4.2	0.3
1978	195.4	JUN	310.7		4.2	0.3
1979	217.4	JUL	311.7		4.1	0.3
1980	246.8	AUG	313.0		4.2	0.4
1981	272.4	SEP	314.5		4.2	0.5
1982	289.1	OCT	315.3		4.2	0.3
1983	298.4	NOV	315.3		4.0	0.0
1984	311.1	DEC	315.5		4.0	0.1

The Consumer price Index is a widely watched national indicator of inflation. It is a measure of change, over time, in the prices of goods and services in major expenditure groups typically purchased by urban consumers. It measures the change in prices by comparing what a sample "market basket" of goods and services costs today with what the same sample "market basket" cost at an earlier date. For more detailed information on the various items or indices, call Research and Planning Division (405) 521-3735.

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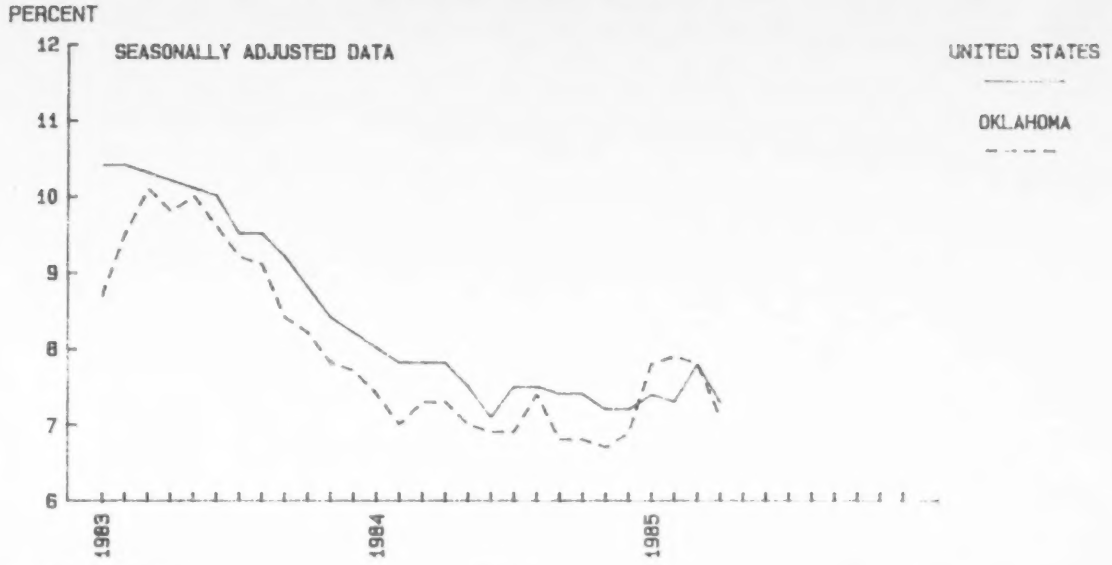

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1983-1985

MONTH	1983 UNADJ. U.S.	1983 UNADJ. OK	1983 ADJ. U.S.	1983 ADJ. OK	1984 UNADJ. U.S.	1984 UNADJ. OK	1984 ADJ. U.S.	1984 ADJ. OK	1985 UNADJ. U.S.	1985 UNADJ. OK	1985 ADJ. U.S.	1985 ADJ. OK	MONTH
JAN	11.4	9.2	10.4	8.7	8.6	7.9	8.0	7.4	8.0	8.3	7.4	7.8	JAN
FEB	11.3	10.1	10.4	9.5	8.4	7.5	7.8	7.0	7.8	8.4	7.3	7.9	FEB
MAR	10.8	10.0	10.3	10.1	8.1	7.3	7.8	7.3	7.5	7.6	7.8	7.8	MAR
APR	10.0	9.6	10.2	9.8	7.6	7.2	7.8	7.3	7.1	6.9	7.3	7.1	APR
MAY	9.8	10.0	10.1	10.0	7.2	7.0	7.5	7.0					MAY
JUN	10.2	9.8	10.0	9.6	7.4	7.1	7.1	6.9					JUN
JUL	9.4	9.5	9.5	9.2	7.5	7.1	7.5	6.9					JUL
AUG	9.0	8.8	9.5	9.1	7.3	7.1	7.5	7.4					AUG
SEP	8.8	8.1	9.2	8.4	7.1	6.6	7.4	6.8					SEP
OCT	8.4	7.9	8.8	8.2	7.0	6.6	7.4	6.8					OCT
NOV	8.1	7.7	8.4	7.8	6.9	6.6	7.2	6.7					NOV
DEC	8.0	7.5	8.2	7.7	7.0	6.7	7.2	6.9					DEC
AVE	9.5	9.0	--	--	7.5	7.0	--	--					AVE

Rates are based on Civilian Labor Force. Seasonally adjusted series for U. S. and Oklahoma are revised.
The rates shown for Oklahoma are revised to a 1984 Current Population Survey (CPS) Benchmark, as established by the Bureau of Labor Statistics
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